

ROBBED AN OLD MAN

A Skin-Game Real Estate Shark in Peril

FOR CHEATING JOHN C. PARKER

A Lake County Farmer Out of His Farm and Personal Property in a Snide Exchange for City Lots.

John C. Parker swore out a capias in the circuit court Thursday for the arrest of Edward H. Patterson. The writ has not been served, but Under-Sheriff Walsh is searching for Patterson.

John C. Parker is 66 years of age. All his life he has been a farmer, and by hard work and frugality he acquired 320 acres of land in Lake county near Baldwin. There was no encumbrance of any kind upon it. It was well stocked and supplied with modern farming implements. His son Charles had left the farm and come to Grand Rapids where he learned the moulder's trade, and is now working for the Aldine Manufacturing company. A short time ago he visited his son in this city. He told how lonesome it was on the farm for himself and wife. He was getting old and thought it would be nice if he could advantageously dispose of his farm and move to Grand Rapids. He would then be with his son and life would be much pleasanter. Charles thought so too, and by his father's request went in search of a bargain. He canvassed the real estate dealers, and among others visited Fogg & Brown, who referred him to Edward H. Patterson, a real estate dealer who boards at the Warwick. Certainly he had real estate which he would exchange, but the young man had approached him just in time, as he contemplated selling it.

Offered a Big Soap.

Charles Parker's feet fairly flew as he hastened home to inform his father of the good luck. The old man was pleased. The farm was worth \$4500, but on a trade he would put it in at \$6000. That would be a sharp deal and he would show the city chaps how to do business. The next day he called on Patterson. A carriage was procured and together they started out South Division street. They halted just this side of Ed Carmon's road house. Patterson waved his hand in the direction of a broad expanse of land and said every lot was worth \$800. The entire piece was worth \$12,000. If held a short time it could easily be sold for \$15,000. There was an encumbrance of \$6000 on the land, and he would trade it subject to the encumbrance for the farm. He wouldn't do it, but somehow or other the old man's appearance struck him favorably and he liked him. Farmer Parker was too shrewd to trade on the spot and asked Patterson to refer him to some reliable real estate dealer with whom he could consult. Patterson scratched his head a moment. A beam of intelligence seemed to strike him. "Why, there's Slater," he said. "Davison D. Slater. Go and see him. I'm not very well acquainted with him, but I understand he's all right." The day following Farmer Parker called on Slater. Slater didn't know anything about the land, but would go out and see it, so they went out. He assured the old man that he had struck a bargain, and told him to lose no time in closing the deal. Farmer Parker took the train for Baldwin a happy man. He drew up the deeds for the farm and sent them to his son Charles with instructions to turn them over to Slater. The latter had previously been asked to examine the title to the Division street property. He wrote to Farmer Parker and said everything was O. K. Without waiting further Slater, taking it upon himself to act as Parker's agent, closed the deal, giving the deeds to the farm to Patterson, who immediately recorded them.

Swiped the Personal Property.

So far everything was lovely. Patterson went to Baldwin to look over his arm. He noticed several fine horses and other personal property. He told Parker he would have no use for anything of the kind in Grand Rapids, and if he wanted to dispose of it, he had other real estate and would give him a good bargain. Parker had confidence in Patterson and traded him everything on the farm. Patterson put most of it aboard the cars and shipped it to this city where he disposed of it. Farmer Parker moved all his household goods to this city and rented a place on West Bridge street. He went up to see Slater preliminary to taking possession of his land. In regard to the 6000 encumbrance he had been told that it would come due the 1st of May, but if he had to do so to have it, it would sell for a few lots and pay it off. Slater told Parker after he had been in the office a few minutes that he wanted a settlement. He had transacted the business and asked \$250 for his trouble and commission. Parker replied that he didn't have a cent; that he had received no money out of the deal, but would give him one of the lots.

Slater Didn't Want Lots.

Slater didn't want a lot. He already had more real estate than he knew what to do with. Then Parker offered to give him two lots, telling him that he said they were worth \$800 apiece, and that would be \$1600 for \$250. But Slater didn't want any lots. The old man started out, but Slater intercepted him and closed the door. He then advanced threateningly toward Parker, and said he wanted \$250 and wouldn't wait another minute for it. Parker became alarmed and took out of his pocket a gold watch, an earring, and a ring. He had also with him a rifle. These he gave to Slater with a note for \$250.

When it came to take possession of the property Parker found he could not do so. The only claim Patterson ever had to it was that he had purchased it from Wentworth R. Gady on a contract for \$6000, which amounted to nothing more than an option, and the contract had been forfeited. Mr. Gady having notified Patterson to that effect.

Sum to Recover His Own.

Before this transpired Patterson had conveyed half of the farm to Fogg & Brown, real estate dealers, and they had transferred half of their half to Slater.

Clapperton & Hines, attorneys, were retained by Parker. The old man had been fleeced out of everything he had in the world, but they took his case and at once began and in the Lake county court declared illegal. The suit in which the capias has been issued is to recover the personal property.

Patterson has figured in similar skin games before. One instance is the case of Jandorf vs. Patterson, which was carried to the supreme court. Patterson was beaten, and in deciding the

case the court took occasion to rip Patterson and his ilk severely up the back.

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT.

An Interesting Replevin Case Over a Piano Sale in the Circuit Court.

The replevin suit of Mary L. Campbell against Mrs. Nancy Jeffs and Lizzie Jeffs has occupied the attention of Judge Adair, in the circuit court for two days, and in it there has been developed more interest than in any like case which has been in the court. Four or five years ago, while living in Everett, a small town in the northern part of the state, Mrs. Jeffs purchased on the installment plan, a piano from the Mullock music house of Saginaw, for her daughter, Lizzie. The latter was under age so the note was signed by Mrs. Jeffs. Lizzie and her brothers paid \$200 on the piano. The balance became due and Mrs. Jeffs borrowed \$250 from Albert Campbell, giving her note. Before it became due Campbell fled the country. He remained in Canada about a year and a half and then returned. He was arrested on a charge of embezzlement, tried and acquitted. In the meantime Mrs. Jeffs and family moved to this city. Campbell called on her here and said if he should die suddenly he had no way of showing that she owed him \$250. To protect his wife he asked her to sign a paper which he read and purported to be an acknowledgment of the debt. Mrs. Jeffs signed it. A copy was left with her and the original was taken away. Campbell assigned the acknowledgment and note to his wife, who began suit to obtain possession of the piano. It appeared on trial from the evidence introduced by the plaintiff, that there was a condition in the note that the piano was security for the note and interest and the acknowledgment a bill of sale. The defense claimed that the conditions were written in the note after it had been signed and tendered, and that the bill of sale was obtained by fraud. The note was examined by the jury with a magnifying glass and the discovery made that the enterlinations were put in with a lead pencil after the note was signed, the writing being on top of the ink. This portion was branded as a forgery and the bill of sale was declared to have been secured by fraud. A judgment was rendered in favor of the defendant.

JOSEPHINE WINS A CASE.

She Defends Herself in Police Court With Success.

Josephine Weathers, the same Josephine who has been up so many times before, was in police court again yesterday. She had been arrested on complaint of Patrick Finn, Sr., for disorderly conduct. She acted as her own attorney. Pat Finn didn't know anything about the case, neither did the witnesses he had subpoenaed. Judge Haggerty asked Josephine if she wanted to put any witnesses on the stand, and she replied, "Judge, don't know as I have to." She then handed to his honor a piece of paper, which she said had caused all the trouble. It was a notice from the board of public works, which informed her that she had been reported as having taken water from Finn's hydrant. She was told to desist, and save herself trouble. She said she could swear the policeman who patrolled the street in front of her house, and he would say that she hadn't been drunk. The court thought she had the best of the case, and told her she could save the policeman for the next time. She was discharged.

SUSTAINED THE INJUNCTION.

Mrs. Finnegan Must Pull Down Her High Board Fence.

The injunction issued in the case of Frank P. Kirkwood against Mary E. Finnegan was sustained by Judge Grove in the circuit court yesterday. The parties to the suit live next door to each other on Terrace avenue. Trouble arose between them and Mr. Finnegan started to erect a high board fence between the places. Before it was finished Kirkwood began suit to restrain Finnegan from building it. Judge Grove said yesterday that the fence must be pulled down, the supreme court having decided that where fences of the character of the one in question were constructed, as a matter of spite, the fence could not stand.

Pushed Through the Panes.

Joseph Vandenberg and Peter Boshaven were assigned in police court yesterday. They were arrested on complaint of Burk Boshaven. They stood in front of the complainant's store on West Fulton street and deliberately pushed their fists through three or four panes of glass. Peter Boshaven is a nephew of the complainant. On trial he showed himself to be a very fresh youth. Once he jumped up and called his uncle a liar during the progress of the trial. When the case Judge Haggerty promptly found both guilty and fined Vandenberg \$10.52 and Boshaven \$23.68. Both fines were paid.

Little Court Items.

Today is the last day for filing notes of issue with the county clerk.

Nelson Morris, arrested on complaint of his wife for non-support, was arraigned in police court yesterday as a disorderly person. He pleaded not guilty, and will have a trial April 27.

Ed Boyland and Bernard McCarthy, keeping saloon open Sunday, were in police court again yesterday. The first was adjourned to April 23, and the latter April 28.

Laura E. Galloway, by the circuit court route, seeks a divorce from her husband, Jerome N. Galloway, on the grounds of extreme cruelty and non-support.

Disposed of Youthful Thieves.

Will Tunis, Johnnie and Nicholas Timmerman and Cornelius Liefbore were arraigned a second time for stealing twenty plate glass mirrors from the Grand Rapids Cabinet company's factory, corner of Ottawa and Newberry streets. Tunis and Johnnie Timmerman waived examination. Prosecuting Attorney Malcomb concluded to allow them to plead guilty to simple larceny, which they did. Tunis was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail. Timmerman was referred to the

county agent. He will probably be sent to Lansing till he is 17 years old. Nicholas Timmerman and Cornelius Liefbore were discharged.

Sarah Made Things Lively.

Sarah Benedict was brought to the police station Thursday in the patrol wagon. She was intoxicated to such an extent that she could not stand, but when she reached the jail she made things lively for the other female inmates. She tore Rose Johnson's hair to pieces and scratched one of the women in the face. In police court yesterday she was sorry, and as it was her first offense she was released on suspended sentence.

LAWS AND LAWYERS.

Circuit Court—Part I.

JUDGE ADAIR.

Mary L. Campbell vs. Nancy Jeffs and Lizzie Jeffs, replevin.
Robert Carlton vs. Philip P. Carlton, assumpsit; on trial.
Union bank et al. vs. Anthony Hanish, assumpsit; proceedings stayed twenty days.

Circuit Court—Part II.

JUDGE GROVE.

Mary Frantz vs. Mathias Miller et al, chancery; demurrer overruled with leave to answer in twenty days.
Eliza Penelton vs. Mary Scally, ejectment; judgment for defendant for costs.
Frank P. Kirkwood vs. Mary E. Finnegan, chancery; decree for complainant.
Thomas Lillibridge vs. Chauncey A. Lillibridge, trespass on the case; judgment for defendant for costs.

Superior Court.

JUDGE BURLINGAME.

The city of Grand Rapids vs. Irving Woodworth, appeal; trial resumed and cause submitted; respondent ordered to appear in court on the 30th inst.
Theodore M. Carpenter vs. the city of Grand Rapids and the board of public works of the city of Grand Rapids, in chancery; order to show cause; case on trial yesterday afternoon. No decision was rendered and adjournment taken until Saturday morning.

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